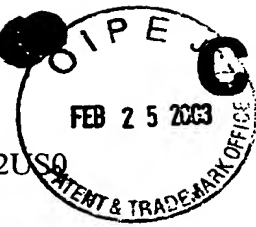


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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 11, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 13, lines 32-36 with the following paragraph.

Between adjacent constituting layers, there may be provided intermediate layers such as a close-contact improving layer, a stress relaxing layer and a reaction control layer. Such a layer is shown as 7 in Fig. 1. The flatness of the thick film may be improved by polishing the surface thereof or using a flattening layer.